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FOR SECRETARY FROM CHARGE

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: U.S. POSITION ON NEGOTIATIONS

REF: SECTO 8063

1. WHEN EMBASSY OFFICER APPROACHED QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR THE NEAR EAST SERVANT JULY 30 AND CONVEYED REFTEL MESSAGE, LATTER READILY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT ISRAELI AMBASSADOR BEN NATAN HAD CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES JULY 29. BEN NATAN READ A MESSAGE FROM THE ISRAELI FONMIN BUT DID NOT LEAVE A COPY OF IT.

2. THE MESSAGE, ACCORDING TO SERVANT, GAVE DETAILS ON THE PROPOSED LOCATION OF UN FORCES AFTER THE SECOND WITHDRAWAL. IT INDICATED THAT ISRAEL WAS AGREEABLE TO
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HAVING ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN OBSERVATION POSTS UNDER

AMERICAN SUPERVISION BUT THAT EGYPT WANTED THESE POSTS TO BE UNDER AMERICAN CONTROL. IT SAID ISRAEL HAD GIVEN EGYPT ADDITIONAL CONCESSIONS BUT DID NOT OUTLINE THEM. IT DESCRIBED THE NEGATIVE EFFECT ON ISRAELI PUBLIC OPINION OF RECENT EGYPTIAN MOVES. IT STATED THAT ISRAEL HAD GONE AS FAR AS IT COULD GO AND THAT IT WAS NOW UP TO EGYPT TO MAKE CONCESSIONS. IF EGYPT MADE THEM, THE MESSAGE CONCLUDED, THE SECRETARY WOULD BE ABLE TO RESUME HIS SHUTTLE BETWEEN CAIRO AND JERUSALEM.

3. IN REPLY TO SAUVAGNARGUES' QUESTIONS, BEN NATAN STATED THAT THE SHUTTLE COULD BEGIN AT THE END OF AUGUST AND THAT AFTER ABOUT A MONTH OF NEGOTIATIONS, AN AGREEMENT COULD BE READY FOR SIGNATURE AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER. BEN NATAN ALSO SAID THAT THE LATEST ISRAELI PROPOSALS HAD BEEN APPROVED BY THE AMERICANS. SERVANT SAID SAUVAGNARGUES HAD MADE NO REPLY TO BEN NATAN.

4. SERVANT NOTED THAT THE ISRAELI MESSAGE CONTAINED NOTHING IMPORTANT WHICH THE FRENCH DID NOT ALREADY KNOW, AND SAID HE WAS PUZZLED AS TO WHY NO COPY WAS LEFT. THE FRENCH INTERPRET THE DEMARCHE AS AN EFFORT TO SHOW ISRAEL'S GOOD WILL IN NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT ISRAEL IS INDEED MAKING A MAXIMUM EFFORT TO COMPROMISE, HE SAID.

5. SERVANT THOUGHT THAT THE MOST INTERESTING ELEMENTS OF THE MESSAGE WERE THE DESCRIPTION OF THE TWO SIDES' VIEWS ON CONTROL OF THE SUPERVISORY POSTS AND THE EMPHASIS ON THE NEGATIVE ISRAELI PUBLIC REACTION TO RECENT EGYPTIAN MOVES. AS FOR BEN NATAN'S COMMENTS ON THE TIMING OF A NEW SHUTTLE AND A SECOND WITHDRAWAL, SERVANT SAID BEN NATAN EITHER SINCERELY BELIEVES WHAT HE SAID OR WANTED TO CREATE THE IMPRESSION THAT AS ISRAEL IS WELL DISPOSED TOWARDS AN AGREEMENT, IF ONE DID NOT COME ABOUT, IT WOULD NOT BE THE FAULT OF ISRAEL.

6. SERVANT TOOK GOOD NOTE OF THE U.S. POSITION.

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